

WEEKLY FAIR PLAY.



THURSDAY - NOV. 28, 1872.

Honesty and Policy.

If honesty be the best policy—if it really does pay better than dishonesty, and experience proves it—why are we such a servy set of fellows in this world, everybody trying to cheat everybody else? If honesty be the best policy, why did the early milkman stop so long at the pump round the corner? Why does the greener send the sugar? Why does the shoemaker half-sole my shoes with pasteboard? Why does the barber-dasher snip off a thumb-nail's breadth at each end of my yard? Why does not the tailor send home the pieces? Why does the farmer put the best potatoes on the top of the barrel? Why do industrious money getters sweat and clip coins? Why is the pure Madeira half poor brandy? Why did the newsboy sell me last week's Gazette for this morning's Journal? Why does the Hon. Timothy Popecock fervently demand reform when he means a place in the Custom House? Or why, indeed, does Tom Idle lie in bed and lounge and swear and gamble, if it is so plain as to be an axiom that those courses will carry him to Tyburn?

I sit upon a bench in the park and watch the beautiful carriages rolling by. There goes a noble chariot with superb horses, and a coachman and footmen in the most gorgeous and plushiest of liveries. The gentleman who sits in it, erect and severe as one of the cardinal virtues, escaped the State Prison because of some defect in the indictment, some outlaway of time, or some bribe to a juror. The difference between this prosperous gentleman and the pickpocket who was committed for three months, yesterday, is that the occupant of the noble chariot is a more accomplished and successful swindler. I can fancy him saying, with contempt, to the miserable pickpocket who was caught in the act: "You disgrace the profession." And there, dragging himself along in the dust of the chariot wheels, is a worn, weary, anxious soul, who has never consciously wronged a mortal, and whom an account of his that will not balance, though it be but a cent's difference, sorely troubles and tries. He is as honest, industrious, steady, intelligent, faithful as the sun; and there he goes, trudging in the dust behind prosperous knavery. Honesty is the best policy, is it? quote my cousin Jedediah; then tell me why these men don't change places.

Let my cousin consider. When he finds sand in his sugar, does he frequent the greener who sold it to him? When the water instantly soaks through his new shoes, does he seek the next pair of shoes to that colder? And if he knew the man who sold pure coffee instead of chicory, should we not buy all of him? Or does the Hon. Popecock's eloquence affect any being? My cousin Jedediah is a poet. There is a certain volume which you have probably never seen, and about which the papers and magazines were strangely silent, but of which he has his own opinion. Now if the author had found in some ancient and forgotten magazine a poem which no human being could be supposed to know, and which he thought good enough for that volume, and he had conveyed it into his pages unacknowledged, would he not have staked his happiness and his fame upon a chance? Some day some other curious eye would light upon it, and cousin Jedediah would be ruined. Honesty gives him self-respect and peace of mind. Is it not the best policy?

I see the cardinal virtue in his noble chariot, and acknowledge that although a swindler he has prospered. But even Jedediah must own that he is an exception. It does not follow that honesty is not the best policy because swindling is sometimes successful. If, indeed, the policy or the profit of honesty, is what makes you honest, you are not a very admirable character. But the proverb does not exhort, it states, only. You may refine upon it indefinitely, as my cousin does. You may even say in the same words of the beautitudes that they offer reward? Very Well; then will you not be pure in heart without the promise? But in both instances the truth is the same. The Teacher does not say be pure in heart that you may see God. He says if you are pure you will see Him. So the proverb does not say be honest selfishly. It says if you are honest you will find it to be the highest expediency.—Harper's Bazar.

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Where one farmer agreed to cut with a machine a field for another, and was prevented from finishing the same for a whole week by reason of continuous heavy rains, in consequence of which the whole field was lost; how far is he responsible for the loss? (J. E. C.) In Ohio, when has county Auditor the right to demand from delinquent tax payers (by reason of claiming that the tax is levied on land not within the county of creditors, &c.)? (A Subscriber.)

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Barley.....	48
Beans.....	56
Bran.....	20
Buckwheat.....	52
Blue grass seed.....	11
Broom corn seed.....	29
Castor Beans.....	46
Clover seed.....	40
Corn on the cob.....	59
Corn shelled.....	56
Corn meal.....	50
Coal.....	56
Flax seed.....	53
Hungarian grass seed.....	10
Hemp seed.....	41
Lime.....	50
Millet seed.....	45
Oats.....	52
Onions.....	57
Osage Orange Seed.....	32
Potatoes, sweet.....	50
Potatoes, Irish.....	60
Peaches, dried.....	33
Rye.....	56
Salt.....	50
Stone coal.....	50
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and Friday night.

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of the county court of the county of Ste.

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